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Thanks and Farewell!!

Today is my last day of work. Tomorrow is my first day of retirement. This will be my last Ag Reporter Snapshot.

It has been my pleasure to serve Columbia County and the State of Wisconsin as the Columbia County Extension Agriculture Educator for the past ten years. Wow, has the time ever gone by quickly. I have enjoyed working with each of you to bring the power of the University of Wisconsin to the people of Wisconsin, but especially to the residents of Columbia County. It has been interesting to help you find answers to your phone calls, emails, and questions in person about challenges that you have experienced in agriculture.

Ten years ago, I failed at retirement from teaching High School Agriculture. Retirement only lasted one month, then I started working for Columbia County Extension. This has been a dream job, helping people find factual, research based answers to their agriculture questions. Questions ranging from animal health and housing, crops and soils and nutrient management, pesticide applicator safety, tractor safety, nutrient applicator safety, grazing, small scale vegetable farming, lawns and gardening, community gardens, and wildlife management challenges. No two days have ever been alike. Amazing and interesting!

I look forward to travelling with my wife Polly, discovering more of the United States, National Parks that need to be hiked and other places in Europe and around the world that need a visit. I have fish that need finding, deer and turkeys that need to be observed from tree stands and ground blinds, lawn and gardens that need tending, along with other volunteer work to be completed, and books that are waiting to be read. And then there are grandchildren who need to be hugged and played with along with attending their school events. I just hope I can fit it all in.

Be well and I hope to see you at future county events.

George

Badger Crop Connect – August 11

Corn Silage Harvest

August 11, 2021 12:30-1:30 pm

Local Update

Dan Marzu, Senior Outreach Specialist, UW-Madison NPM Program

Harvesting High Quality Corn Silage, Cutting Height, Crop Variability, & Pricing

Joe Lauer, UW-Madison Extension Corn Agronomist

Improving Fermentation & Preservation of Corn Silage & High-Moisture Corn

Luiz Ferraretto, UW-Madison Extension Ruminant Nutrition Specialist

CCA CEU's available

Registration: <https://go.wisc.edu/bccsummer2021>

WI Winter Wheat Performance Trials

Shawn P. Conley, Soybean and Wheat Extension Specialist, University of Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Winter Wheat Performance Trials are conducted each year to give growers information to select the best-performing varieties that will satisfy their specific goals. The performance trials are conducted each year at four locations in Wisconsin: Arlington, Chilton, Fond du Lac and Janesville. Trials include released varieties, experimental lines from University breeding programs and lines from private seed companies. The primary objective of these trials is to quantify how varieties perform at different locations and across years. Growers can use this data to help select which varieties to plant; breeders can use performance data to determine whether to release a new variety.

https://coolbean.info/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/07/A3868_WisconsinWinterWheatTrials_2021_final.pdf

Agronomy/Soils Field Day – August 25

The Departments of Soil Science and Agronomy in collaboration with the Arlington Ag Research Station invite you to join us at the Agronomy/Soils Field Day on August 25, 2021. After our pandemic hiatus in 2020, we are excited to see you and have put together a stellar program highlighting College of Ag and Life Sciences research on emerging technology, crops, and cropping practices that will improve the sustainability and resilience of our cropping systems.

We are trying a new format for the field day this year. The tour will consist of six stops with two speakers at each stop. We will have a shotgun start, meaning you will be able to participate in all 12 presentations.

Registration is required this year and is free. Register online at: <https://go.wisc.edu/a32g16> or call 608-262-0485.

AGRONOMY/SOILS FIELD DAY

Wednesday August 25, 2021
UW-Arlington Agricultural Research Station



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8:00	Check-in. Coffee/water. Registration is required and free. Advance registration is strongly suggested (see below).	
8:30	Field tour — shotgun start. All participants will see all presentations.	
Stop 1	Cost Effective Soil Moisture and Carbon Monitoring Using Sensor Technology Jinyi Huang Evaluating Corn N Need Across Wisconsin Carrie Laboski	
Stop 2	Sustainable Intensification Using Cover Crops Matt Ruark Mighty Microbes: An Integral Component of Soil Health Zac Freedman	Certified Crop Advisors \$5.00 CCA credits requested
Stop 3	Kernza Intermediate Wheatgrass: A New Perennial Grain and Forage Crop for Wisconsin Valentin Picasso	
Stop 4	Soil Health, Micronutrients, and Small Grain, Oh My! Lindsay Chamberlain, Emma Matcham, and Haleigh Ortmeier-Clarke Can We Stop Carbon Loss from Soils? Randy Jackson and Gregg Sanford	
Stop 5	Maximum Yield vs. Economic Optimum Yield: How S7 Corn Influences Management? Joe Lauer Integrated Weed Management in Corn and Soybeans (Research Update) Rodrigo Weigle and Nick Arneson	
Stop 6	Killing Pasture Weeds and Not Harming Clover: Experience with a Soon To Be Registered "Clover-Safe" Herbicide Garret Imhoff and Mark Renz Using Entomopathic Nematodes for Corn Rootworm Control Bryan Jensen	
12:00	Have a safe trip home! Research-based Solutions for Disease Prediction in Field Crops Damon Smith	

Please register by August 15 at <https://go.wisc.edu/a32g16> or call 608-262-0485

Arlington ARS is located off Hwy 51, about 5 miles south of Arlington and 15 miles north of Madison.

N695 Hopkins Rd, Arlington, WI 53911

GPS coordinates: 43.300467, -89.345534

As of May 27, UW-Madison COVID-19 policies for outdoor events do not require face coverings for fully vaccinated individuals; unvaccinated individuals are encouraged to maintain six feet of physical distance or wear a face covering (<https://news.wisc.edu/covid-19-policy-changes-events-face-coverings-outdoor-physical-distancing/>). If campus COVID-19 policies become more restrictive than this, we will email registered participants by 7:00 pm on August 24.

In the event of rain, the field day will be postponed until Thursday, August 26. Registered attendees will be emailed by 7:00 pm on August 24 if the field day is being postponed.

The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences will make a reasonable effort to provide accommodations for participants with disabilities when notified in advance. Request a disability accommodation by August 15 when registering. Efforts will be made to meet same day requests to the extent possible.



USDA Dates to Remember

August 6, 2021: Deadline to submit re-enrollment offers for the CRP [Continuous Signup](#), which includes the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and the Clean Lakes, Estuaries, and Rivers initiative signup (CLEAR30)

August 15, 2021: Deadline for partners to submit proposals for the NRCS [Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership \(WREP\)](#) program

August 16, 2021: [Acreage Reporting](#) Deadline for Cabbage, Processing Snap Beans

August 20, 2021: Deadline to submit offers for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) [Grasslands Signup](#)

September 6, 2021: USDA Service Centers closed in Observance of Labor Day

September 17, 2021: Deadline to apply for the [Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program \(PLIP\)](#)

September 30, 2021: [Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program \(NAP\)](#) Deadline for Value Loss Crops including Flowers, Christmas Trees, Fin Fish, Ginseng, and Turfgrass Sod; Garlic; Perennial Forages; Rhubarb; Triticale; Wheat and Rye (winter and spring); and Wild Rice

September 30, 2021: [Acreage Reporting](#) Deadline for Value Loss and Controlled Environment Crops (except Nursery)

Weekly Emails Online!

<https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/newsletter/>

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